Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Saturday 21 Aug 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 22 Aug 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 20 Aug 2021 at 16:01 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence in general wet and cloudy weather on Saturday but less confidence in amount of rainfall and timings. High confidence in more settled conditions for early next week.

Headline for Saturday 21 Aug 2021: Outbreaks of rain and a cloudy day with lots of hill fog and poor visibility.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 21 Aug 2021

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy Snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** Medium Likelihood
Thunderstorms Low Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Drizzle	Fog	Dull	Dull	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
80%	80%	60%	40%	40%	40%	60%	60%

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Weather: Rain overnight will tend to ease and become more drizzly and light through the morning, especially for western ranges around Argyll and Lochaber. Even the possibility of a few brighter spells for the ranges further west in Argyll and the Islands and Lochaber. Further showers and outbreaks of rain will develop during the afternoon and these may become quite heavy with a rumble of thunder possible, showers may become quite slow moving and prolonged in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 20% or less, most ranges will see a lot of low cloud and hill fog associated with the rain Saturday except perhaps western ranges of Lochaber where the chance will be 60% with tops clear at times, although Ben Nevis top is unlikely to clear.

Visibility: Visibility will generally be poor in extensive low cloud, bases for most ranges will be from 400m up, for the more western ranges of Argyll the cloud may be more scattered or broken from 6-800m and the best chance of clear tops will be mid to late afternoon. General visibility below the cloud base will be moderate or poor at times in rain and drizzle but again it will be better in the west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	28/36 SE	17/21 SE	14/18 S	11/15 S	9/13 E	7/11 E	5/7 E	6/8 NE	6/8 NE
900	20/27 SE	11/15 SE	9/12 S	7/11 S	6/10 S	4/8 SE	4/6 NE	4/6 NE	5/7 E
600	20/26 SE	9/13 S	7/10 SW	5/8 SE	5/9 E	4/7 SE	4/7 SE	3/5 SE	5/7 E
300	13/21 SE	6/9 SW	5/8 S	3/6 SW	4/7 W	4/7 SW	2/5 E	2/4 E	2/4 N
Glen	4/12 S	6/12 SW	5/10 S	2/5 SE	3/7 E	3/7 S	2/5 SW	2/4 W	2/4 N

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	9/4	9/6	9/6	9/7	10/8	10/8	9/8	9/7	8/7
900	11/7	11/8	11/9	11/10	12/11	12/12	12/11	11/10	10/9
600	14/11	13/12	13/12	13/13	14/13	14/14	14/13	13/12	12/12
300	15/13	14/14	14/14	14/14	15/16	16/16	15/16	15/15	14/14
Glen	16/16	16/15	15/15	16/17	17/18	18/18	17/18	16/16	15/16
Freezing Level*	3300m	3100m	2900m	2800m	2800m	2900m	2900m	2900m	2900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Quite windy initially but winds easing in the morning and falling quite light allowing any late afternoon showers to be quite slow moving with localised downpours.

Forecast for Sunday 22 Aug 2021

Weather: Some overnight mist and drizzle will be slow to clear during the morning but some brighter spells breaking through in the afternoon and the possibility of an afternoon shower too.

Maximum wind: Variable direction 5 mph or less.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10%, extensive low cloud in the morning will slowly lift and clear, 60% by mid afternoon

Visibility: Extensive low cloud in the morning from 300m will make navigation difficult, the visibility and cloud will lift and improve during the day with some cloud breaks for most summits by late afternoon.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 12 rising to 19 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 9 Celsius rising to 14 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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